

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Nancy Ballance, on February 21, 2017 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 102 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Nancy Ballance, Chair (R)
Rep. Randy Brodehl, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Kelly McCarthy, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Dan Bartel (R)
Rep. Tom Burnett (R)
Rep. Rob Cook (R)
Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)
Rep. Janet Ellis (D)
Rep. Carl Glimm (R)
Rep. Kenneth L. Holmlund (R)
Rep. Donald W. Jones (R)
Rep. Jim Keane (D)
Rep. Jon A. Knokey (R)
Rep. Ryan Lynch (D)
Rep. Jimmy Patelis (R)
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)
Rep. Marilyn Ryan (D)
Rep. Brad Tschida (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Mike Cuffe (R)
Rep. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch
Joe Triem, Legislative Branch
Sherri Row, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 324, 2/20/2017; HB 344, 2/20/2017; HB 383, 2/20/2017
Executive Action: HB 168; HB 225; HB 344

00:01:26 Chair Ballance

HEARING ON HB 344

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:35 Rep. Geraldine Custer (R), HD 39, opened the hearing on HB 344, Provide funding for coal bed methane protection program.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:56 Elena Evans, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD)

[EXHIBIT\(aph38a01\)](#)

00:03:43 Rep. Hopkins joined the meeting

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:04:26 Lori Zeller, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:04:55 Vice Chair Brodehl

00:05:51 Rep. Custer

00:06:06 Vice Chair Brodehl

00:06:51 Rep. Keane

00:07:44 Rep. Holmlund

Closing by Sponsor:

00:08:10 Rep. Custer

HEARING ON HB 383

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:09:53 Rep. Geraldine Custer (R), HD 39, opened the hearing on HB 383, Provide actuarial required funding for Sheriff's Retirement System.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:11:33 Sheryl Wood, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

[EXHIBIT\(aph38a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph38a03\)](#)

00:15:44 Melanie Symons, Montana Public Employees Retirement Board

00:17:59 Marvin Weber, Lewis and Clark County Sheriff's Department

00:19:12 Sheriff Brian Gootkin, Gallatin County

00:20:46 Jesse Luther, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (MSPOA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:25:55 Rep. Tschida

00:27:42 Sheryl Wood, MACo

[EXHIBIT\(aph38a04\)](#)

Closing by Sponsor:

00:28:08 Rep. Custer

00:30:17 Recessed

00:49:38 Reconvened - Chair Ballance relinquished chair to Vice Chair Brodehl, Vice Chair McCarthy left the meeting, Rep. Hamlett joined the meeting

HEARING ON HB 324

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:49:52 Rep. Bradley Hamlett (D), HD 23, opened the hearing on HB 324, Revise laws related to state parks' administration.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:01:17 Bob Walker, Montana Trail Vehicle Riders Association (MTVRA), Citizens for Balanced Use (CBU)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:02:16 Dustin Temple, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

01:03:41 Brian Ohs, Montana Trout Unlimited (MTU)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:05:09 Rep. Glimm

01:07:12 Dustin Temple, FWP

01:07:37 Chair Brodehl

01:07:43 Rep. Hamlett

Closing by Sponsor:

01:08:03 Rep. Hamlett

01:11:19 Chair Brodehl

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 168

01:11:42 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 168 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Ballance, Rep. Cuffe, Rep. McCarthy and Rep. Woods voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 225

01:12:38 **Motion:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 225 DO PASS.**

01:12:45 **Motion:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 225 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(aph38a05)

Discussion:

01:13:18 Rep. Ellis

01:13:28 Rep. Holmlund

01:13:39 Julie Johnson, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

01:14:41 Rep. Cook

01:15:49 Chair Brodehl

01:16:14 Julie Johnson, LSD

01:16:56 **Vote:** Motion failed 11-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Ballance, Rep. Brodehl, Rep. Cook, Rep. Cuffe, Rep. Hamlett, Rep. Holmlund, Rep. Hopkins, Rep. D. Jones, Rep. Knokey, Rep. Lynch and Rep. Patelis voting aye. Rep. Ballance, Rep. Cuffe, Rep. McCarthy and Rep. Woods voted by proxy.

01:18:39 **Motion:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 225 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(aph38a06)

Discussion:

01:18:54 Rep. Lynch

01:19:31 **Vote:** Motion carried 16-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Bartel, Rep. Burnett, Rep. Cook, Rep. Glimm, Rep. D. Jones and Rep. Tschida voting no. Rep. Ballance, Rep. Cuffe, Rep. McCarthy and Rep. Woods voted by proxy.

01:21:06 **Motion:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 225 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:21:40 Chair Brodehl

01:22:03 Rep. Tschida

01:22:16 Rep. Lynch

01:22:20 **Vote:** Motion carried 17-5 by roll call vote with Rep. Bartel, Rep. Burnett, Rep. Glimm, Rep. D. Jones and Rep. Tschida voting no. Rep. Ballance, Rep. Cuffe, Rep. McCarthy and Rep. Woods voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 344

01:24:27 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 344 DO PASS.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Ballance, Rep. Cuffe, Rep. McCarthy and Rep. Woods voted by proxy.

01:25:29 Chair Brodehl

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:25:39

Sherri Row, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([aph38aad.pdf](#))